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Attorney Docket No.: NEC0252US

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment **Commissioner for Patents** P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

Applicant(s):

Elizabeth A. Dauch and John W. Jacobs NEC Electronics America, Inc.

Assignee: Title:

TUNGSTEN PLUG CORROSION PREVENTION METHOD USING WATER

Application No.:

10/602,291

Filing Date:

June 24, 2003

Group Art Unit:

2812

Examiner:

Lynne Anne Gurley

Attorney Docket No.:

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

(1) Return Receipt Postcard

(2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page, in duplicate)

(3) Response To Election/Restriction Requirement (2 pages)

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional <u>Fee</u>
Total Claims	10	Minus	20	==	0	Х	\$18.00	\$	0.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	=	0	x	\$86.00	\$	0.00
Fee of for the first filing of one or more multiple dependent claims per application								\$	
Fee for	r Request for Extension	of Time -	month(s)					\$	
Total additional fee for this Amendment:								\$	0.00
Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.									
Please	Please charge our Deposit Account No. 502306 in the amount of							\$	0.00
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated January 26, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire February 26, 2004.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 622.

Group II. Claims 11-26, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 758+.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-10, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 622.

Please cancel claims 11-26 without prejudice to the subject matter disclosed therein.

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